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A NEW RAILROAD SECURES CHARTER

St. Louis Oklahoma and Pacific Designate Vinita as Eastern Terminus of 500 Mile Road

On Tuesday the St. Louis, Oklahoma & Pacific railroad was given a charter by the secretary of the state of Oklahoma. The company has an authorized capital of \$12,000,000. It is chartered to build a line from Vinita to Des Moines, N. M., thru Alva, Okla. The following gentlemen, all residents of Alva, are the incorporators: K. A. Hartshorn, T. C. Webb, G. E. Mickel, J. A. Stine and H. A. Noah.

These gentlemen are the same as those who were back of the Oklahoma Western project, for which a survey was made last fall. Their agents were in Vinita, and were impressed with the location of this city as the eastern terminus of their line. They are said to be backed by wealthy

easterners, and to be thoroly in earnest in their intention to build the line. The road, as surveyed would be about 500 miles long, and would pass thru a fine country. It would be an east and west line, running for its entire length only a few miles south of the northern boundary of Oklahoma. In the western part of the route it would have no railroad competition whatever. It would pass thru the three counties into which what was Beaver county has been divided, two of which at present are absolutely without railroads.

Des Moines, N. M., the proposed western terminus, is a little town in northeastern New Mexico, situated on the Colorado & Southern, a few miles south of the Colorado line.

ORR IS PRESIDENT

Succeeds W. P. Farley as Head of the Cherokee National Bank.

The annual meeting of the Cherokee National bank, held Tuesday, was the occasion for several changes in that institution. The new board of directors is composed of the following: E. B. Frayser, J. W. Orr, W. P. Farley, R. V. McSpadden, J. B. Quigley, Louis Bagby and Seymour Riddle. The following officers were elected by the directors: J. W. Orr, president; Louis Bagby, vice president; R. V. McSpadden, cashier.

The affairs of the bank were shown

to be in a very flourishing condition. W. P. Farley, who has been president for several months, following the resignation of L. K. McGuffin, declined a reelection, his many other interests occupying so much of his time that he could not properly look after the affairs of the bank. The election of Mr. Orr as president means that the Cherokee National and the International Bank & Trust company will work in closer harmony than ever. They will still be conducted, however, as entirely separate institutions.

Court-Martial Trial for Knowles

Washington, Jan. 10—Secretary Taft has telegraphed Brigadier General McCoskey, commanding the department of Texas, to try at once by court-martial Corporal Knowles (colored) now under arrest on charge of having assaulted Captain Macklin.

ARE LAW MAKING

Body Indulging in Interesting Discussions--Today's Session at Guthrie

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 10—Gabe Parker of Hokeshe today introduced in the constitutional convention a memorial to President Roosevelt and congress asking that the order of Secretary Hitchcock withholding four millions acres of Indian Territory land from allotment for a timber reservation be set aside.

The entire morning was occupied in debate on section of bill of rights denying any immunity conferred to citizens in constitution than private or public corporations, their officers, directors, managers, agents, clerks, or employees, "from the full operation of the visitatorial and inquisitorial powers of the state. As claimed that it was unconstitutional and Kornegay of Vinita, said that it meant anarchy. Kornegay was still talking when the convention adjourned. The expected report of the county line committee on county seats was made this morning.

The county boundaries committee yesterday afternoon completed the work of selecting temporary county seats for the various counties recently organized. Vinita was chosen, of course as the county seat of Craig county; there was no competition. In Ottawa county Miami won out over Fairland, Grove was designated instead of Kansas in Delaware, and Pryor Creek had no opposition in Mayes. Nowata is the county seat in Nowata county, and Claremore in Rogers, formerly Coowascoowee, county. The latter name proved too barbarous even for the Sequoyah bunch, and was done away with. One of the hottest fights in the convention was between Sapulpa and Bristow for county seat of Moman county. Bristow won.

One of the most interesting debates in the convention, at least to the people of Vinita, has been the controversy between Delegate Kornegay and President Murry in regard to the union label and "Almighty God." Here-with are the official minutes of the convention, showing just how the question originated and what was said:

Delegate Kornegay moved that the committee having in charge the securing of bids for the convention printing, be instructed to open all bids and report to the convention all bids.

An amendment to Mr. Kornegay's motion was offered, to include the union label bids.

Delegate Kornegay then said: I am neither the champion of the union label or its opponent. I do not really know what the union label means. Perhaps I can find out if I desire to embark upon the sea of politics, but as long as I can make a living practicing law or with my hand I will keep out of politics. But I want to be thoroly informed as a member of this house, as to whether or not our printing can be done cheaper in one place than another. And if I am informed that we are bound by the union label, included in a resolution that some one put thru this house in the early stages of this assembly, then let us stop and look into the matter. Is it such a particular matter that we dare not inquire about it, has it come to this importance in this convention that we are burdened with the proposition as to where we can get the best and cheapest printing, when we represent the people of this great country. It is one of the most unfortunate things, to let into the convention anything in the world that shows that one class has any preference over another class. It runs entirely against the theory of constitutional law. It is unfortunate that there are so many classes of people in the old state of Oklahoma, if it ever gets to be a state, and I think she will. But unfortunately the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, or Almighty God, which ever you want to call him, it doesn't make any difference to me, has made it so there are different classes, and we represent the whole people and no particular sect. Kornegay is willing to go on record as representing the whole people, and the balance of you can do as you like about it. I want to say to you that I am not afraid that the sole-minded and sole-guarded people that represent the union label, will ever damn me for it, and if they do, let them damn. And for that reason I rise higher, I have no bees buzzing around my bonnet. You have gone on record today as saying that Mr. Niblack

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DISAVOWED

Council Asks School Board to Disregard Ordinance

The city council met in special session yesterday afternoon, the first meeting in over a month. Those present were Aldermen Wilkinson, Frayser, Fowler, Wallen and Badgett, Mayor Shanahan and Recorder Probasco. Not much business could be transacted, as there were not enough present to pass an ordinance.

Those present talked over the school situation, and were unanimously of the opinion that the ordinance requiring sixty days' residence before children are allowed to attend school should be repealed. As not enough members were present to pass an ordinance, however, a resolution was presented and unanimously agreed to, instructing the school board to disregard the ordinance in question and to admit all children actually resident in the city to school privileges. As every member voted for the resolution, the school board will probably observe it, tho of course the ordinance is still in effect. However, the council will formally repeal it as soon as enough members can be secured to do so.

It was the general opinion of those present at yesterday's meeting, also, that children not residents of the city should be admitted to the city schools on payment of a tuition fee of \$1 per month. The ordinance, when past, will probably contain this provision. An ordinance was introduced yesterday providing for a tax of \$25 per day or \$100 per week for all anation or fire sales held within the city, the object being to protect the merchants from the fire sale specialists who come to the city now and then with cheap stocks of goods, on which they pay no tax whatever. Several claims were allowed, and the council then adjourned, to meet again on call.

A RAILROAD MEETING CALLED FOR MONDAY

An Effort Will Be Made to Straighten Out Vinita's Contract With the Vinita & Western

There was but a slight attendance at the meeting of the guarantors of the railroad bonus in the rooms of the Commercial club yesterday afternoon. No definite action was taken, except that a decision was reached to have a general meeting of all the signers of bonus notes Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Commercial club. At this meeting the notes signed to Henderson, and which are now outlawed, will be returned to the signers, and steps will be taken to secure, if possible, possession of the right of way thru the city and of the grade which Henderson built nine miles north of town.

It will be remembered that a bonus of \$34,000 was raised for Mr. Henderson. Of this amount less than \$1,000 was paid in. The payment of the bonus to Mr. Henderson was guaranteed by Oliver Bagby, L. B. Bell and J. W. Orr, and some forty citizens signed with them as joint guarantors. Some \$6,000 was advanced to Mr. Henderson by the committee, of which about \$4,000 was spent in securing the right of way thru the city, and the balance in paying for the nine miles of right of way north from the city. The right of way in the city is still held by Oliver Bagby, trustee, never having been turned over to Mr. Henderson, but the balance was given to

the Vinita & Western. An effort will be made to secure the return of this \$2,000; if in no other way, thru a suit at law. If the city can offer a right of way thru the town and right of way and grade nine miles north of the city, it is felt that the offer will be an attractive one for any railroad that may care to accept the offer.

These questions, however, will be thoroly gone over at Monday's meeting. It is important that all the note-signers be present, and take what action seems necessary towards securing this right of way in their name as a permanent railroad bonus.

Another Assassination

Lodz, Russian Poland, Jan. 10—Colonel Patko Andrieff, chief of gendarmes of the Lodz district, was shot and killed this morning on the street. Passing infantry fired a volley at his assassin, but only wounded several innocent persons, the guilty man escaping.

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